

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Tadamasa TOMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0843A
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the instant application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks as follows: